

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 110403DSP-Jeff-93 Agency: Jefferson County Human Services Dept.

Child Information: Age: 6 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 4/2/11

Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On 4/2/11, the child and his father were in a car accident while driving to a friend's home. Reportedly, the father ran off the road when he swerved to miss hitting a deer. The impact caused the air bags to deploy and caused significant damage to the vehicle. The father drove the vehicle to a friend's house, where he and his son spent the night. The child was in pain and complained that his stomach hurt. The following morning he was unable to walk, and it was difficult for him to sit upright. The child's mother was contacted, and she immediately took the child to the emergency room. The child was diagnosed with a laceration to his spleen, which may have been fatal if left untreated. The father admitted that he did not seek medical attention or call law enforcement about the accident because he was driving without a license. The father has been criminally charged with Neglecting a Child (misdemeanor - pending). He was found guilty of Hit and Run - Property Adjacent to a Highway, which is not a criminal offense.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the child by his father. The child and a sibling were determined unsafe in his father's care. The father did not seek medical care for the child when he complained of pain immediately following the accident and on the following day when his pain and discomfort had increased. The father was driving without a license and did not want to be ticketed. Please see the previous section for material circumstances leading to the incident.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child and a sibling live with their mother in her home and have regular visits with their father who lives with a relative.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services:

N/A

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

None

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater at the age of 18 years or older:

None

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the child by his father and determined the children unsafe in their father's care. The father admitted that his actions were wrong and that he obviously should have contacted the police and emergency medical services following the accident. A relative agreed to supervise the father's visits with the children during the assessment. The father is not allowed to operate a vehicle with his children as passengers while his driving privileges are revoked and until the agency assesses the children to be safe in his care. The family is receiving Ongoing Services case management

from the agency.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in and investigated the allegation of neglect to the child. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals during the initial assessment. A protective plan was implemented, initially restricting the father's physical contact with the injured child. The children were determined unsafe in their father's care, and the children's visits with their father are supervised. The family is receiving Ongoing Services from the agency.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.